Awards, Appointments, Announcements

In November, the National Cancer Institute celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) (see related story, p. 1822). The Harry Hynes Award for outstanding commitment to research in the community was presented to Marcel E. Conrad, M.D., principal investigator of the Gulf Coast Minority-Based CCOP in Mobile, Ala.

The following people were honored for serving 20 years as principal investigators of CCOPs around the country:
- Patrick H. Henry, M.D., St. Louis-Cape Girardeau CCOP, St. Louis, Mo.;
- James L. Talbert, M.D., Florida Pediatric CCOP, Tampa, Fla.;
- David K. King, M.D., Western Regional CCOP, Phoenix, Ariz.;
- Carl G. Kardinal, M.D., Ochsner CCOP, New Orleans, La.;
- Vincent P. Vinciguerra, M.D., North Shore CCOP, Manhasset, N.Y.;
- Tarit K. Banerjee, M.D., Marshfield CCOP, Marshfield, Wis.;
- John A. Ellerton, M.D., Southern Nevada Cancer Research Foundation CCOP, Las Vegas, Nev.; and
- Albert M. Bernath, M.D., Geisinger Clinical Oncology Program, Danville, Penn.

The following people were honored for serving 10 years as principal investigators of minority-based CCOPs:
- Marcel E. Conrad, M.D., Gulf Coast MB-CCOP, Mobile, Ala.;
- Luis Baez, M.D., San Juan MB-CCOP, San Juan, Puerto Rico; and
- Brian F. Issell, M.D., University of Hawaii MB-CCOP, Honolulu.

The William S. Graham Foundation for Melanoma Research Inc., (The Billy Foundation) recently presented awards. The following people were honored:
- Margaret Foti, M.D., Ph.D., of the American Association for Cancer Research, received the Community Caring Award;
- Katie Couric, of NBC’s Today show, received the National Public Awareness Award;
- Maude Becker, R.N., of the Colorado Cancer Center in Denver, Colo., and
- Ashfaq A. Marghoob, M.D., of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, received the HealthCaring Award; and
- Sol Barer, Ph.D., of Celgene Pharmaceuticals in Warren, N.J., received the INSIGHTS Award.

Ralph B. Vance, M.D., was named president of the American Cancer Society. Vance is a professor of medicine in the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

Natalie E. Joseph, M.D., was appointed attending surgeon in the Department of Surgical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia. Joseph was previously an assistant professor of surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. She was also an attending surgeon in the surgical oncology division of Caritas St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center.

Norka Ruiz Bravo, Ph.D., was named deputy director for extramural research at the National Institutes of Health. Bravo was previously associate director for extramural activities at the National Institute for General Medical Sciences.